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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF NEW BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER

JUST INSTALLED BURUNDI FONMIN BIMAZUBUTE CONVENED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS NOVEMBER 15 TO INFORM THEM THAT BURUNDI FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE UNCHANGED. HOWEVER, MICOMBERO HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO PAY LESS ATTENTION TO "PURE DIPLOMACY" AND MORE TO MATTERS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTED SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BURUNDI. FIRST PRIORITY WAS THEREFORE ON RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES, BUT HE HOPED ALSO TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND CORDIAL TIES WITH ALL STATES REPRESENTED AT MEETING, AND, INDEED, TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH AMBASSADORS CONCERNED NEXT WEEK. COMMENT: ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER DE-EMPHASIS OF "PURE DIPLOMACY" MAY MEAN LESS BURUNDI ACTIVISM ON SUCH ISSUES AS VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, AND KOREA WHICH ARE EXTRANEIOUS TO BURUNDI'S BASIC INTERESTS.

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